

CLEVELAND MEN LEAD AMERICANS WITH THE BAT

ROBERTSON, OF GIANTS, LEADS THE NATIONAL

Smith, Right Fielder, and
Tris Speaker, Ex-Red
Sox Star, at Top.

Doughty Davey Has Made
22 Hits in 53 Tries at
the Plate.

Tris Speaker has changed his uniform, but not his habits. The former star of the Red Sox is just as great a star with the Indians, and was the most powerful factor in the march of the tribe of Fohl to the pinnacle of the American League. Sir Tris is not leading the American League hitters up to date, but he is right up in the first flight and in a position to take the lead at any day. In facing the pitcher 58 times Speaker has connected for 33 hits of varying distances, and boasts the grandly average of .575.

Smith, the right fielder of the Indians, who performs against left-handers exclusively, is slightly in advance of Speaker. He brags the mark of .577. Louie Nunnemaker leads the New York Yankees in the batting averages, hitting .533. Ty Cobb is climbing toward the front, and is clubbing along at a .524 clip. Frank Baker is forging ahead, but Joe Gleason is slumping a bit.

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Pfau, Letelman, Hagbloom

THE SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

Ballade of the T. R. Twins.
(Tyrus Raymond and Teddy R.; reprinted from five years ago to show how futile Time is against this pair.)

Knock them as much as you may;
Rap them as hard as you may;
Hammer the anvil until
Both of their names are tramped;
Cocky and cheery and quick;
But, when you're done with it, say
"These T. R.'s are there with the stick."

Say they are out for the thrill,
Giving the grandstand a play;
Trying to top the bill,
Each in his whirl-gig way,
Trying to sew up the fray;
Peg, if you care to the brick;
But, when you're done with it, say
"These T. R.'s are there with the stick."

Cheer when they come to a spill;
Jeer at them day after day;
Lay out their pathway uphill,
Call them conceited, passé;
Each time they try to get you,
Rise, if you will, with a kick;
But, when you're done with it, say
"These T. R.'s are there with the stick."

Step up and wallop the whey
Out of each pie that they pick;
But, when you're through with it, say
"These T. R.'s are there with the stick."

To show the interplay of your correspondent, we have signed up a match to meet Frank Moran. But the battle will be fought on the golf course—nibbicks at twelve paces.

"I'll bet I can hit that pill," says Charles Francis. Whereupon we made him a wager that he will find it easier to hit the jaw bones of Jess Willard or Jack Dillon than the non-resisting globe of gutta-percha ball in such elusive mounds.

"Tris Speaker," says Comiskey, "is a grand ball player." In the same way we would like to go on record as indorsing the business acumen of John D. Rockefeller. It is also our humble belief that Ty Cobb can hit, and that Shakespeare was a first class writer.

Big Pitching Years.

"What is considered a big average number of games for a pitcher to work in through a season?" queries H. G. F. Rounding up an average is no simple task, but the high-

point took sides with the negro fighter.

Protests from both sides were made to Rickard, who got into the Marquis of Queensbury rules. There was no fight in the code book which specified whether or not boxers should weigh in with the fighting togs. The debate waxed hot and the restless Nevadas were suggesting the advisability of stretching him flat. The fight came near being a farce provided that men must weigh with full ring costume.

Gans had to go through a drying out process and in order to keep at the notch could drink no water for nearly twenty-four hours. When the negro stepped on the scales he was irritable for the first time in his life. Nelson and Nolan got too close to please him and he flew at them, narrowly missing with a swing that would have stretched him flat. The fight came near being an impromptu one before a very small house.

Of course this is one extreme of observing the fixed weight limit. There have been others. Young Corbett, who was naturally pudgy, often had to take off the last pound by artificial means. And, as the fighters of those days could tell, the last pound was the hardest of all to lose. It took a lot of vim and vitality with it.

But the other extreme is the more ridiculous. Featherweights are boxing as bantams and welterweights are boxing as lightweighters every night in the week.

Just one legitimate class remains, the heavyweight class. This is because the weight for this division is any old weight.

Stadium Club. Even Joe Humphries, gifted with perfect control of his facial expression, had to grin broadly as he announced that "this hardy little lightweight weighs 144 pounds."

And this looked like a very conservative estimate of Anderson's weight. Though short in stature, the newcomer is built upon a sane architectural lines as Mike Schreck, the heavyweight, who, when in a dormant state, has often been mistaken for a barrel.

The Commission of Weights and Measures ought to give some of the scales in the boxing clubs the once over. We feel assured that if we had opened to step on one of them we would have found a weight to learn how it was that we had fallen into a sudden decline. Weighed upon one of these scales, Captain Huston, of the Yankees, would be liable to learn that